

Governor Pat's Monthly Newsletter



October 2020



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Making a Difference

The calendar says Autumn is here. The temperature in most of District Eleven says otherwise. Still the beginning of Autumn is a signal for most of us that change is in the air. Although some of the typical indicators that Fall has arrived didn't happen because of COVID-19 like the start of a "normal" school year for most everyone or planning for a "normal" Halloween party that didn't stop our Altrusa clubs from continuing to do what they do best; reaching out to their communities. Clubs have gathered and donated school supplies for students involved in virtual learning and books and letters of encouragement have been delivered to seniors that are isolated because of COVID. Food banks throughout District Eleven have benefited from our clubs requesting and receiving Disaster Relief grants from Altrusa International. Several organizations that are assisting our homeless population have also benefited from the generosity of our members. Clubs are also making plans for Make a Difference Day which is October 24th this year as they work with the continued restrictions of social gathering, maintaining safe distances and wearing face coverings.

October 24th is also United Nations Day. In 1945 on October 24, an article forming the United Nations was ratified at which time the UN made a commitment to maintain international peace and security, to develop friendly international relations and to promote social progress, higher standards of living and human rights. This is a perfect time, if your club has not already done so, to develop or expand a project for the Nina Fay Calhoun International Award.

One of the goals for 2019-2021 biennium was to create a Virtual Club in District Eleven. I am so thrilled and proud to announce that we have met that goal. Gail Swain, New Club Building chair, Danielle Robello, president of the Altrusa Club of Chula Vista and Julie Robello submitted a "Request for Organizational Authority for a Virtual Club" to the District Board in August. The request was approved by the District Board on September 12th and we received final approval from Altrusa International on Sept 17th. The virtual club, Altrusa International of Southern California, plans to support indigenous people of Sierra Tarahumara in Chihuahua, Mexico and provide aid for human trafficking victims and senior citizens. Details of the club's plans will be included in the Fall edition District Service Bulletin.

In Altrusa Service,

Pat

2019-2021 Biennium Goals

Membership

- Build on the New Club Building momentum.
- Expand on the club revitalization efforts.
- Achieve a net gain of at least 2 new members per club.
- Create at least one Virtual Club.

Service

- Develop membership recruitment strategies that clubs can use at their service projects.
- Encourage clubs to partner with other community service organizations.
- Consider a District wide service project.

Marketing

- Expand the use of social media to improve communication and market the Altrusa name.
- Encourage clubs to use the marketing information available on the International website.
- Consider membership with the local chamber of commerce to market the Altrusa name.

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“Autumn is the season to find contentment at home by paying attention to what we already have.”

— Unknown

IRS Forms 990-N

Remember to file your Form 990 with IRS which is due 5 months after the close of the fiscal year. Need help? Call District Treasurer, Leslie Johnson.

District Eleven 2021-2023 Nominating Committee

Voting for the 2021-2023 Nominating Committee has been completed and all three candidates were elected. Based on the outcome of the votes Koni Shaff of the San Luis Obispo County Club, will serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Remember to contact one or more of the members of the Nominating Committee if you or a member of your club would be interested in running for a position on the District Eleven Board. Qualifications for board positions are listed on page 6 of the District Eleven Policies which are available on the District Website. Also be aware that it is not necessary to have served on the District Eleven Board prior to running for Director, Second Vice Governor or First Vice Governor. To be eligible to run for Governor-Elect you must have served a full term as a member of the Board. The Nominating Committee and their email addresses are as follows; Koni Shaff – konster.monster@comcast.net, Jan Riggins - janriggins@aol.com, Margee Neer – leadership@altrusadistricteleven.org

Altrusa International Service program Development Committee Newsletter

Did you see the newsletter from the International Service Committee sent out in September? If not, I included a copy as an attachment. Check out the Service Project Database for a new category for “Make a Difference Day” project reporting, found on page 3 of the newsletter and report on your club’s “Make a Difference Day” so all of Altrusa can know what you’re doing for your communities. On page 5 is the Altrusa Video Challenge. Selected videos of your club’s activities will be featured in a compilation video that will be shown at the 2021 International Convention and featured on the International website. Page 12 and 13 is all about Days for Girls introduction to their Impact Zones that will enable their program to reach even more women and girls around the world in sustainable ways.

Save the Date

“Blast into Service”

2021 District Eleven Conference


April 29-May 2, 2021
Radisson Hotel
Santa Maria, CA

Hosted by Altrusa Club of Central Coast

Altrusa International Convention 2021
July 21-24, 2021

Quebec City, Canada

Keep in mind, even during the pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.

October 2020	Description	Who	Person Responsible	Notes
October 1	Send IRS Form 990-N (if receipts over \$25,000 send (()-EZ or 990)	Local Club	Club Treasurer	File for Club and Foundation if you have one
October 2	Send in DSB articles, pictures, announcements to District DSB Editor	Local Club	Club President	Send to Kathy Girard dsbeditor@altrusadistricteleven.org
October 16	Observe World Food Day - This day is celebrated by many organizations concerned with food security.	Local Clubs	Club President	Consider giving to a local food bank. It's estimated that 1 in 7 people rely on food banks, especially during the pandemic.
October 24	Participate in Make a Difference Day	Local Club	All	Established in 1992 to encourage us to take one day a year to try to make a difference in the world.
October 24	Observe United Nations Day	Local Club	Club President	Ratified on October 24, 1945, an event that people reason to hope for world unity and the avoidance of another world war.
October 30	District Service Bulletin emailed	District	DSB Editor	
October 31	Send articles and/or pictures of your club activities to your Governor to be included in future monthly newsletters.	Local Club	Club President	
September 2020	Description	Who	Person Responsible	Notes
Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time ends for some of us.	Local Club	Some of us	Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.
Nov 3	Remember to Vote	Local Clubs	All	Your vote counts!
Nov 11	Veteran's Day	Local Clubs	All	Remember the men and women of our armed services.
Nov 15	2021-2023 Altrusa Int'l Nominations for Nominating Committee & Foundation Board.	International		
Nov 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women.	Local Clubs	Club President	Raise public awareness of the issue.
Nov 26		Local Clubs	All	Celebrate safely with family and friends.
Nov 30	Send articles and/or pictures of your club activities to your Governor to be included in future monthly newsletters.	Local Club	Club President	

Club News

The **Altrusa Club of Anaheim** has cancelled their Annual Festival of Trees due to COVID-19. It has been replaced by their “Epic Pandemic Event of 2020”. The event is scheduled for Nov 14th at 2:00 pm. It will be Zoom event and on Facebook Live. You do not have to be watching to win. The club will contact you and make arrangements to deliver your prize. Tickets can be purchased on their website: www.altrusaanaheimca.org. Go to the website and scroll down and look for the ticket icon. Tickets are 1 - \$10 and 3 - \$25. If you prefer to pay by check please make it out to: **Altrusa International Foundation of Anaheim, Inc**, and mail to: Leslie Johnson 2539 Hansen Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92831.

The **Altrusa Club of San Diego North County Coastal** adopted Jefferson Elementary School and donated pencil cases loaded with supplies and mini white board kits which were distributed to all of the first-grade students at the school. They also donated hygiene bags to Fill-A-Belly an organization that supports the homeless community and hosted a dinner at the Bread of Life Rescue Mission.

The **Altrusa Club of Santa Maria** delivered 142 children’s books, 10 adult books and 36 magazines to the Little House by the Park which is part of the Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center, in recognition of International Literacy Day in September.

The **Altrusa Club of San Diego** has adopted the Fisher House at the Balboa Naval Medical Center in San Diego as a way to support the Altrusa International Project, SOS (Support our Soldiers). The Fisher House provides homes where military and veterans families can stay free of charge while a loved one is in the hospital. The Fisher House Foundation ensures that there is never a lodging fee. Each month club members are asked to donate specific items needed at the Fisher House which are then delivered to Fisher House.

The **Altrusa Club of Central Coast** sponsors the ASTRA Club of Righetti High School in Santa Maria, CA. The ASTRA members are creating and writing “Letters for Seniors” for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas and will be donating them to their local skilled nursing facilities.

The **Altrusa Club of Tucson** is once again participating in the “Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle” and tickets are now available from members of the Altrusa Club of Tucson. The Grand Prize this year is a new Ford-150 Platinum truck, 2nd prize is two round-trip, first class airline tickets to anywhere in the world, 3rd prize is \$5,000 in cash. The tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. This is an ongoing effort to raise millions of dollars for nonprofit organizations in Southern Arizona. Purchase of tickets is NOT limited to Arizona residents. The Tucson club’s “Love Note Project” has delivered over a 150 notes and cards of encouragement and appreciation to residents and staff at the Santa Rosa Care Center and St. Luke’s Home.

The **Altrusa Club of The West Valley** has been supporting the Altrusa International Project, SOS (Support Our Soldiers) and recently donated hundreds of items that filled ten boxes for active duty members. The boxes were delivered to “Packages From Home” a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that sends care and comfort packages to deployed American military around the world. In addition to their donated items the Tucson club donated \$200 to “Packages From Home.”

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District Eleven Board of Directors Club Assignments

Immediate Past Governor	Melanie Hodges	Arcadia, Los Angeles	Monterey, Reno
Governor-Elect	Melinda Aguirre	Anaheim, Chula Vista, San Diego,	San Diego North County Coastal
1st Vice Governor	Bonnie McPherson	Glendale, Long Beach, Oxnard,	San Buenaventura
2nd Vice Governor	April Smith	Eastern Sierra, Indian Wells Valley, Phoenix,	The West Valley, Tucson
Director	Andrea Shallcross	Central Coast, Golden Valley, Santa Maria,	San Luis Obispo County

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